

### REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

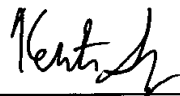
### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification:**

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application [Serial] No. 09/935,782 filed August 22, 2001 [(Attorney Docket No. (25961-708))], U.S. Application [Serial] No. 09/935,783 filed August 22, 2001 [(Attorney Docket No. (25961-705))], U.S. Application [Serial] No. 09/933,885 filed August 20, 2001 [(Attorney Docket No. (25961-707))], U.S. Application [Serial] No. 09/933,888 filed August 20, 2001, [(Attorney Docket No. (25961-704) which claims [the benefit and] priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/226,479, filed August 18, 2000 [(Attorney Docket No. 25961-701))], U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/227,125, filed August 22, 2000 [(Attorney Docket No. 25961-702)] and U.S. Provisional [application] Application No. 60/227,875, filed August 25, 2000 [(Attorney Docket No. 25961-703)]. These applications are herein incorporated by reference.